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SUBJECT: SALE TO PAKISTAN OF SPORTING AMMUNITION FROM U. S.
SUBSIDIARY IN AUSTRALIA

BEGIN SUMMARY. AUSTRALIAN TRADE COMMISSIONER HERE IN
KARACHI TELEPHONED CONGEN TODAY TO MAKE INQUIRIES CONCERNING
PROHIBITION BY USG ON SHIPMENT TO PAKISTAN OF 22 CALIBER
RIMFIRE AMMUNITION FROM AUSTRALIAN SUBSIDIARY OF WINCHESTER
INTERNATIONAL. INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER SUCH AMMO ON EMBARGO
LIST REQUESTED. END SUMMARY.

1. AUSTRALIAN TRADE COMMISSIONER STATES NATIONAL ARMS CO.,
BUNDER ROAD, KARACHI, HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM J. R. HAYDEN,
MGR. FOR MIDDLE- EAST AND AFRICAN SALES. WINCHESTER
INTERNATIONAL, NEW HAVEN, CONN., ADVISING FIRM THAT
" USG HAS JUST INFORMED US THEY WILL NOT ALLOW US TO SHIP YOUR
ORDER FROM OUR AUSTRALIAN PLANT AT THIS TIME. WE ARE
THEREFORE OBLIGED TO CANCEL YOUR ORDER WHICH IS MUCH TO OUR
REGRET. WE HOPE IN VERY NEAR FUTURE TO HAVE THIS PROBLEM
STRAIGHTENED OUT WITH USG BUT UNTIL THEN WILL NOT BE ABLE
TO SUPPLY YOU WITH 22 RIMFIRE AMMUNITION FROM OUR AUSTRALIAN
FACILITIES."

2. TRADE COMMISSIONER HAS ALSO RECEIVED ANOTHER COMPLAINT
FROM KARACHI FIRM CONCERNING PROHIBITION ON SUPPLY 22 CAL
RIMFIRE AMMO FROM WINCHESTER AUSTRALIAN SUBSIDIARY. HE
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STATES FIRMS IN QUESTION HAVE SPENT TWO YEARS OBTAINING IMPORT LICENSE FROM GOP BEFORE PLACING ORDERS AND THAT ONE LETTER OF CREDIT COVERING PROPOSED SHIPMENT HAS ALREADY EXPIRED, CAUSING LOSSES AND EMBARRASSMENT TO PAKISTAN IMPORTING FIRM INVOLVED. HE STATED RATHER FORCEFULLY THAT IF USG WAS IN FACT PROHIBITING SHIPMENT AMMO WHICH CLEARLY FOR SPORTING AND RECREATION USE, THEN HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS CONFIRMED AT ONCE SO THAT HE COULD ADVISE PAK IMPORTERS TO PLACE THEIR ORDERS WITH INDEPENDENT AUSTRALIAN FIRMS, FOUR OF WHICH MAKE 22 CAL AMMO.

3. IN VIEW ABOVE, CONGEN WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED ASAP AS TO WHETHER 22 CAL RIMFIRE AMMO ON EMBARGO LIST AND, IF NOT, WHAT ARE PROSPECTS FOR PERMISSION WINCHESTER AUSTRALIAN SUBSIDIARY MAKING SHIPMENTS TO PAKISTAN AS REQUESTED.

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